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Hello,

I have just learned about the beach renourishment project that could severely damage one of Palm Beach most spectacular reefs. As you know the sand on the southeast coast of Florida travels from north to south and the build up of sand on the north side of the inlets is a common problem. The real problem stated when the pump from the sand transfer station at the end of the north jetty of the Palm Beach inlet needed maintenance and the Port of Palm Beach and the city of Palm Beach could not come to an agreement of who was going to foot the bill, so it sat for six years and the sand was moved off shore with expensive dredging. Now the sand did not move down the beach as normal for six years and because of poor planning on the city of Palm Beach part now they want an emergency dredging that will cause harm to some of the areas best diving.....

There are other ways and better sand in different borrow areas.....Palm Beach County has suggested to the city of Palm Beach that they take sand from a area near the inlet or from Peanut Island, yes this will cost more but the trade off is a much better grade as the samples taken from the Horseshoe borrow site have a lot of rock that is not suitable for beach use. Silt does not disappear, it takes many years for it move on, when you think the water has cleared up, there comes a small blow and a swell and the silt goes back in solution and continues to stress the hard and soft corals..

Please look at the sand at Peanut Island first. Diving brings lots of tourist dollars to the area and there are a great many people that would be affected by this loss.

Thank you,

Donna Lavoie

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